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Regular Meeting
1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2010

Agenda

I. Opening (*Tab 1*)

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Agenda

C. Approval of Minutes

Work Session – September 16, 2010

Regular Meeting – September 16, 2010

II. Formal Public Comment

Time has been allocated at the beginning of the meeting for individuals or groups to address the State Board on general issues. Prior to the meeting being called to order persons wishing to address the Board should sign up on the appropriate form giving their name and topic they will address. Individuals or groups wishing to address the Board on specific agenda items should so note on the sign up sheet. They will be called upon at that time on the agenda. Each group should choose one representative to speak and comments should be limited to five minutes. Speakers will be recognized by the Board President in the order their names appear. If a large number of people sign up to speak, the Board President may at his/her discretion, limit the number of persons allowed to speak.

Please Note: The Board is not able to respond to questions by or engage in a dialogue with those offering comments during the Board meeting. In addition, comments made on matters governed by specific procedures which establish a formal record cannot and will not be considered by the Board in making its decisions.

III. State Board Business

A. Reports/Discussions

A.1 Committee Reports from State Board Members

B. Budget Items

None.

C. Other

None.

IV. Presentations (*Tab 2*)

A. State Board of Education

A.1 Innovative Schools – 15 Minutes

Innovative Schools is a local non-profit public school support center for Delaware's public schools. Over the past two years, the organization has undergone a strategic planning process to determine how it may better support the State's efforts to improve its public school system. Dr. Debbie Doordan, Executive Director of Innovative Schools and Matthew Swanson, Board Chair of Innovative School will make a presentation that will focus on the culmination of this strategic planning process, and their innovative approach to starting new schools and reinventing Delaware's lowest performing schools.

A.2 PTA in Delaware – Parent Information Center of Delaware – 15 minutes

Bud Mullin from the State PTA will provide an update on its structure, partners and activities. Resources and programs available to PTA members in Delaware schools will be highlighted. Marie-Anne Aghazadian, Executive Director, and Christine Andrews, Program Coordinator for the Parent Information Center of Delaware, will highlight its goals, mission and programs that are available.

B. Department of Education

B.1 Race to the Top Update – 30 Minutes

(Secretary's Office)

Daniel Cruce, Deputy Secretary/Chief of Staff, will update the members of the State Board of Education on Race to the Top.

B.2 DCAS Update – 15 Minutes

(Teaching and Learning Branch)

Dr. Linda B. Rogers, Associate Secretary of Education for Teaching and Learning will provide an update.

B.3 Delaware Student Testing Program (DSTP), State Summary Report for Science and Social Studies, Grades 8 and 11, May 2010 Administration – 15 minutes

(Teaching and Learning Branch)

Dr. Michael W. Stetter, Director, Accountability Resources Work Group, will present an overview of the spring DSTP results in Science and Social Studies for grades 8 and 11.

C. Other Presentations

None.

D. Secretary's Report, Review and Discussion

V. Action Items

A. Department of Education Regulations (*Tab 3*)

**A.1 Regulation 940 Early Admission to Kindergarten for Gifted Students
(For Action)**

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to repeal 14 DE Admin. Code 940 Early Admission to Kindergarten for Gifted Students. This regulation was reviewed under the five year cycle, and a proposed amendment was published in the May 2010 Register of Regulations. The Department received comments from the Governor's Advisory Council and thereafter reviewed the regulation and proposed amendment again. Upon this further review and consideration of the comments received, the Department determined that the identification by professionally qualified persons under 14 Del. C. § 3101 (4) and the local district's assessment of the best interest of the child under 14 Del. C. § 2702(b) is the better mechanism to determine early admission to Kindergarten for Gifted Students. That mechanism will allow students with all statutorily listed areas of abilities, singularly or in combination, to be assessed with the same criteria. Accordingly, the Department has determined that continued regulation in this area is unnecessary at this time.

**A.2 Regulation 505 High School Graduation Requirements and Diplomas
(For Discussion)**

The Secretary of Education seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 505 High School Graduation Requirements and Diplomas to provide additional information related to the World Languages credit requirement that goes into effect for the Class of 2015 (freshmen 2011-2012). The regulation requiring the 2 credits in World languages was originally scheduled to go into effect for the Class of 2013. This was revised in January 2009 making the requirement effective for the Class of 2015. The recommendations of the Task Force on World Languages were taken into consideration in the proposed amendments. The definition of World Language includes American Sign Language. This was a recommendation of the Task Force and is also required by legislation, pursuant to HB 345 of the 145th General Assembly.

B. Professional Standards Board (*Tab 5*)

**B.1 Amend 1517 Permits Paraeducators
(For Discussion)**

The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend regulation DE Admin. Code *1517 Permits Paraeducators*. It is necessary to amend this regulation in order to facilitate proper and current formatting trends, to update options for the renewal of the Permit, and to allow for an additional path to achieve the Permit. This regulation sets forth the requirements for a Paraeducator Permit.

**B.2 Amend 1583 School Psychologist
(For Discussion)**

The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend regulation DE Admin. Code 1583 School Psychologist. Amendments include limiting issuance of the Standard Certificate to applicants who have completed an organized graduate level program of study approved by the NASP or APA, a valid NCSP Certificate from the NASP or a valid and current license or certificate from another state in school psychology. This regulation sets forth the requirements for a School Psychologist.

**B.3 Amend 1582 School Nurse
(For Publication)**

The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend regulation DE Admin. Code *1582 School Nurse*. This regulation requires some formatting changes to conform to other Standard Certificates, and the updating of certification requirements. This regulation sets forth the requirements for a School Nurse.

Action Items (Tab 6)

**B.4 2010- 2011 Mentor and Lead Mentor Stipends
(For Action)**

The Professional Standards Board, in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, seeks the approval of the State Board of Education to authorize the payment of extra responsibility salary supplements, in accordance with 14 Del C. §1305(o), for Fiscal Year 2011.

**B.5 2010-2011 Approved Clusters
(For Action)**

In accordance with 14 Del.C. §1305(o) and 14 DE Admin Code *1501 Knowledge, Skills and Extra Responsibility Salary Supplements for Educators*, the professional development clusters approved by the Professional Standards Board and the State Board of Education to date are presented for affirmation of approval for Fiscal Year 2011.

**B.6 PRAXIS II Examination Score
(For Action)**

The Professional Standards Board respectfully requests the State Board of Education to consider approving PRAXIS II Test 5014 Elementary Education. This test is the computerized version of 0014 Elementary Education. The passing score for both tests is 151.

C. Charter Schools (*Tab 7*)

**C.1 Application to Modify an Existing Charter:
Delaware Academy of Public Safety and Security
(For Action)**

The Board of Directors of this school submitted a Modification Application on July 27, 2010 seeking approval to change the location of the school. The Charter School Accountability Committee has issued its report on the application. A public hearing on the application was conducted on September 27, 2010. The Secretary will make her recommendations with respect to the application.

**C.2 Application to Renew an Existing Charter:
Campus Community School
(For Information)**

The Board of Directors of this school plans to submit an Application to Renew the school's charter for an additional term of five years by October 15, 2010. The Secretary will refer the renewal application to the Charter School Accountability Committee for review and recommendations.

**C.3 Application to Renew an Existing Charter:
MOT Charter School
(For Information)**

The Board of Directors of this school plans to submit an Application to Renew the school's charter for an additional term of five years by October 15, 2010. The Secretary will refer the renewal application to the Charter School Accountability Committee for review and recommendations.

**C.4 Application to Renew an Existing Charter:
Providence Creek Academy Charter School
(For Information)**

The Board of Directors of this school plans to submit an Application to Renew the school's charter for an additional term of five years by October 15, 2010. The Secretary will refer the renewal application to the Charter School Accountability Committee for review and recommendations.

**C.5 Charter Schools Update
(For Information)**

The monthly update on charter schools is attached.

D. Other Action Items (*Tab 8*)

None.

E. Appeals and Reviews (*Tab 9*)

**E.1 T.W. v. Capital School District Board of Education
(2010-07)
(For Action)**

The State Board may consider the recommendation of the hearing officer in this appeal.

**E.2 L.B. v. Smyrna School District Board of Education
(2010-09)
(For Information)**

Notice is given that this appeal was received by the Executive Secretary on behalf of the State Board of Education on September 27, 2010, who in accordance with prior authorization by the State Board is appointing a hearing officer for the limited purpose of addressing the issue of the jurisdiction of the State Board to hear the appeal.

VI. Information Items (*Tab 10*)

A. Federal Grants by District

(Finance Reform & Resource Management Branch)

The monthly review of federal grants by districts as awarded thus far under project proposals is attached.

**B. Regulation 930 Supportive Instruction (Homebound)
(For Information)**

The Secretary of Education intends to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 930 Supportive Instruction (Homebound) for formatting purposes as well as clarification. The regulation was reviewed pursuant to the five year cycle.

**C. Regulation 225 Prohibition of Discrimination
(For Information)**

The Secretary of Education intends to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 225 Prohibition of Discrimination. The amendment includes the addition of the language to be consistent with Executive Order 8. The Executive Order continues the Governor's Council on Equal Employment Opportunity, directs state agencies to pursue equal employment and promotional opportunity for all state employees and applicants, and includes a strong recruitment and retention component.

**D. Regulation 746 Criminal Background Check for Student Teaching
(For Information)**

The Secretary of Education intends to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 746 Criminal Background Check for Student Teaching for implementation of the process.

E. Personnel

(Secretary of Education's Office)

Appointments

Brett Baxter, Adult Education Teacher, Prison Education Program, Career and Workforce Readiness Branch, effective September 26, 2010.

Mary Card, Adult Education Teacher, Prison Education Program, Career and Workforce Readiness Branch, effective September 26, 2010.

Jacqueline Hammond, Adult Education Teacher, Prison Education Program, Career and Workforce Readiness Branch, effective September 26, 2010.

Wayne McMasters, Adult Education Teacher, Vocational Education – Masonry, Prison Education Program, effective September 26, 2010.

Christopher N. Ruszkowski, Deputy Officer, Preparation and Recruitment, TLEU, effective September 12, 2010.

Resignation

Harriette Rensch, Adult Education Teacher, Prison Education Program, effective September 21, 2010.

Retirement

Patsy Kersteter, Education Associate, NAEP State Coordinator, Accountability Resources, Teaching and Learning Branch, effective November 1, 2010.

Note:

Pursuant to 29 Del. C. § 10004, the agenda is subject to change and the State Board of Education may enter into Executive Session during the meeting.

The times designated on the agenda are approximate and are listed for administrative purposes only. The State Board reserves the right to hear any matter out of its order during the meeting.

The State Board may also take breaks during the meeting.